GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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MAINTENANCE OF TEMPLES
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the temples in Vrindavan area are in dilapidated condition due to negligence on part of the trustees of those temples;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned by the Union Government for maintenance of historical temples in Mathura and Vrindavan during the last three years;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated for maintenance and beautification of temples and their surrounding; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) The Archaeological Survey of India has been protecting, conserving and maintaining all the four Centrally Protected Monuments, namely the Govind Dev Temple, the Jugal Kishore Temple, the Madan Mohan Temple and the Radha Ballabh Temple at Vrindavan, in the district of Mathura in Uttar Pradesh, with the active co-operation of the temple trustees.

(b) A sum of Rs.24.25 lakhs has been spent during the last three years towards the maintenance and conservation of these temples.

(c) & (d) A five year Perspective Plan in respect of the (1) Madan Mohan temple, the (2) Govind Dev temple and their surroundings with an outlay for Rs. 35.00 lakhs has been prepared.